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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *clg*

RE: Site Inspection, Uintah County, Uintah County Asphalt Mine, M/047/022,
Uintah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: September 3, 1992
Time of Inspection: 1410 - 1445
Conditions: Partly cloudy, warm
Participants: Dennis Slaugh, Lonnie Hogan, Uintah County; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the current status of the mine site and examine any recently reclaimed areas.

Messrs. Slaugh & Hogan conducted a brief driving tour of the mine sites. Mr. Paul Felch was unable to attend this inspection. Photographs were taken to document the current status of the operations. The pit appears to have increased in depth, but has not increased in size laterally.

With respect to reclamation, area R-1 was seeded in 1990, area R-2 was seeded in the fall of 1991, and area R-3 is scheduled for seeding in November 1992. The northerly portion of R-2 shows signs of revegetation success, while the southerly slope shows very sparse vegetation. Uintah County will probably try seeding the south portion of R-2 with their standard seed mix again and possibly include mulch in this seeding attempt.

Uintah County has performed some drilling in the R-4 area and may perform some additional drilling in this area to determine the feasibility of expanding the pit in this direction. No formal decision by the county has been made regarding this possible pit development at this time. In order to expand the pit in this direction, the county would need to move the overburden material from this area and place it somewhere else. I informed Messrs. Slaugh & Hogan that since the drilling is within the existing permit boundary no

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permit amendment is needed for the drilling; however, a permit amendment/revision would be needed prior to a pit expansion into the R-4 area.

In conclusion, the mine method and mine site have not changed since the last Division inspection and there are no immediate concerns at the site.

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cc: Paul Feltch, Uintah County